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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO AND A/SY/T/SP

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TEHRAN FOR RSO

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SUBJECT: VEHICLE ARMOUR

ON JAN 16, A ROUND FIRED BY ONE OF THE GUNMEN WHO HAVE BEEN HARRASSING TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF THE CHANCERY, AMEMBASSY BEIRUT, STRUCK THE SY VAN ASSIGNED TO THE MSG DETACHMENT. THE VAN WAS PARKED NEAR THE CHANCERY AT THE TIME AND WAS UNOCCUPIED. DUE TO THE RANGE AND NATURE OF THE FIRE, IT IS DOUBTED THE VAN WAS A SPECIFIC TARGET. THE ROUND IS BELIEVED TO BE A 7.62MM BALL FIRED AT APPROXIMATELY 400 YARDS. IT STRUCK THE VAN ON THE LEFT SIDE ABOUT ONE INCH TO THE REAR OF THE DRIVER'S DOOR AND TEN INCHES BELOW A HORIZONTAL LINE DRAWN THROUGH THE DOOR HANDLE. THE PROJECTILE FULLY PENETRATED THE OUTER SKIN OF THE VAN BUT DID NOT RPT NOT PENETRATE THE ARMOUR. IT IS REALIZED THIS FACT WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE EXTREME RANGE; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WITHOUT THE ARMOUR, THE ROUND WOULD HAVE PROBABLY ENTERED THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT.

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THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LIGHT-WEIGHT VEHICLE ARMOUR IN ACTUAL USE.

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